

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed February 8, 2006. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

I. Claim Amendments

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 1-16 and 33-38 are allowed and claims 19, 28, 29, 31, and 31 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response to the Examiner's indication, Applicant has:

- (i) incorporated the limitations of claim 19 into independent claim 17,
- (ii) incorporated the limitations of claims 27 and 28 into independent claim 26, and
- (iii) incorporated the limitations of claim 31 into independent claim 30.

Given that the Examiner identified claims 19, 28, and 31 as containing allowable subject matter, those amendments render each of independent claims 17, 26, and 30 allowable.

In addition to the above amendments, Applicant has:

- (i) added new claim 40 that incorporates the limitations of claims 26, 27, and 29, and
- (ii) added new claim 41 that incorporates the limitations of claims 30 and 32.

Given that the Examiner identified claims 29 and 32 as containing allowable subject matter, new claims 40 and 41 are believed to be allowable.

Finally, Applicant added new claim 39, which incorporates the limitations of claims 17 and 18. Although the Examiner did not indicate that claim 18 contains allowable subject matter, Applicant notes that claim 18 contains substantially the same limitations of claim 28, which the Examiner indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Therefore, new system claim 39 contains nearly the same limitations of now allowable device claim 26. Therefore, new claim 39 is believed to be allowable.

In addition to the foregoing amendments and additions, Applicant has canceled claims 18, 19, 25, 27-29, 31, and 32 without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. In view of those cancellations, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims that remain in the application are currently allowable. Applicant reserves the right to present canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

II. Specification Objection

The disclosure has been objected to for the following reason: “There is nothing in the Specification that discloses or supports an ejection chamber having a pattern designed to primarily create fluid flow.”

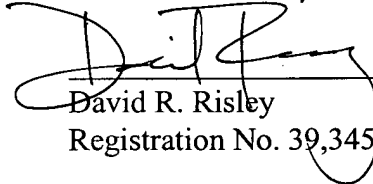
In response to the objection, Applicant notes that none of the claims recite “an ejection chamber having a pattern designed to primarily create fluid flow”. Instead, claimed in several of the claims is *ejecting fluid* from the chambers *in a pattern*. Nowhere does Applicant claim that the ejection chambers themselves have such a pattern.

In view of the above, Applicant does not understand how the specification is objectionable or why “correction” is required. Accordingly, Applicant has declined to attempt such a “correction.”

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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